



Flycasters

New to Fly Fishing?

My name is Terry Lawrence, and I am the current editor of the Santiam Flycasters Newsletter. I first became interested in fly fishing about two and a half years ago while my wife and I were living in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At the time, I owned and operated a small business out of our home, and because I wasn't formally "on the clock", work seemed to take up every waking hour. In an effort to get some kind of a break, I purchased a fly rod & reel and began to explore some of the rivers in Northern New Mexico.

I quickly realized that there was going to be a bit of a learning curve before I could ever hope to catch a fish with a fly rod. That is, unless I got real lucky. So, I decided to book a trip with a guide on the San Juan River. The trip was great, with many fish caught (and lost), and included some good, solid, beginner level instruction. However, it also showed me that there was even more to learn than I thought. Plus, it was a bit expensive. Don't get me wrong, guides are great. I have used them since, and plan on doing so again. They know specific waters and can get you into fish. My point is that I personally was going to have to find more affordable ways of gaining a bulk of knowledge about fly fishing. Magazines and books are good sources, but in my opinion, they can't cover the subtleties that are experienced on the water.

Anyway, shortly after the San Juan trip, my wife and I moved to Salem. I was then directed to the Santiam Flycasters fly fishing club through both of the fly fishing shops in town. At the first club meeting I was apprehensive. It seemed like everybody there had known each other forever. However, it didn't take long to realize that most of the people in the club were more than happy to help new folks like me. In fact, after the first couple of outings, I realized that I had come across a virtual gold mine of fishing expertise. I can't begin to express how grateful I am for all of the guidance and instruction I have received over the last several years from fellow club members. I can now go out on my own and actually catch a fish every once in a while.

Here are a few words about the club from several other members who are relatively new to fly fishing.

Laura Vogt:
"I have felt so welcomed as a new member of the club.

Being new to fly fishing, I find the members very informative and willing to share their knowledge. The outings have been a lot of fun--even when I didn't catch anything! It's been great just being out on the water. When I caught my first fish at Roaring Springs, those fishing near me, as I started to panic about what to do next, gave me advice like 'keep the tip up'. The club members are a wonderful group of people and have helped me immensely. The club has also had some very interesting presentations and I've enjoyed and learned a great deal from the classes held prior to the last two meetings."

Michael Miller: "Originally, when CJ and I wanted to learn how to fly fish, we joined the club to reduce our learning curve... which is something that has definitely happened. I still have much to learn and experience, but I am more confident about what I am doing, and when I don't know what I am doing, I am confident that I can get answers from someone in the club. Members of our club have been very helpful at sharing their knowledge and experience. By actively participating in the regular outings, I have also gained knowledge about scenic and productive places to fish... so much so that I gained confidence at returning to these areas on my own to fish. The club also has a great resource of information via our monthly meetings, frequent speakers, and extensive library. Our members have been very gracious with the new members and are excited about 'turning' people on, of all ages, gender, and skill levels, to fly fishing or just helping them increase their level of skill and understanding. And finally, our members have been very wonderful at taking my son under their wings at times and sharing their skills with him -- and he seems to listen to them better than he listens to me."



May 10th Presentation:

John Shewey “Angling Rambles”

Residing in Oregon, John Shewey is a life-long devotee to fly fishing, wing-shooting, and other outdoor pursuits. Currently the Managing Editor of Northwest Fly Fishing, Southwest Fly Fishing and Eastern Fly Fishing magazines, John's annual travels take him all around the west and to his favorite haunts from Alaska to Mexico. Having fished for just about everything the west has to offer—from surfperch at sea level to golden trout at 12,000 feet—John still gravitates towards his favorite summer steelhead streams, where he pursues these noble fish with his elegant flies, which have earned national prominence. John has penned hundreds of articles and published countless photographs in various magazines and to date has authored 14 books about fly fishing and wingshooting. Included in his titles are Steelhead Flies; Spey Flies & Dee Flies, Their History and Construction; The Orvis Pocket Guide to Fly Fishing for Steelhead; Mastering The Spring Creeks; Oregon Blue Ribbon Fly Fishing; On the Fly Guide to the Pacific Northwest; and Wing-shooter's Guide to Oregon. John appears frequently as a speaker at club meetings, conclaves, and sports shows around the country—begrudgingly so during winter when he prefers to spend his time hunting chukars over his Weimaraners, Jake and Josie.



Fly tying contest rules:

Must purchase a bag (Cost is \$5) with selected materials (feathers, chenille dubbing, etc.) in it. This month at the regular meeting, we will have a new bag with different materials to tie with. You can only use the tying materials in the bag (No dyeing or changing the color). You can use any hook or thread that you already have (change it up and use different hooks or thread). Make as many different patterns as you want (more the better). **Submit** your one favorite fly at the next club meeting on May 10th. Flies will be judged on innovation and quality. The winner gets a \$20 gift certificate for Creekside Fly shop. Please feel free to call Dan Shimek at (503-302-3920) or e-mail him at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com with any questions. **Please Note:** June will be the last month for the tying contest until we pick it up again in September.

Volunteers Needed for Youth Outdoor Day

On June 2nd at the E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will need a couple of people there at 7:30 to help set up. Volunteers get a free lunch and t-shirt. There is also a dinner after the event for those who want to stick around. We need about 12 volunteers total for the day. Volunteers can contact Dan Shimek at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com or 503-302-3920.

Metolius Outing (May 18th, 19th & 20th)

The theme this year is a Luau, and we will be roasting a pig. Don't forget your grass skirts and Hawaiian Shirts! Also we will be doing the road side clean up on Sunday on the way back.

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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Santiam Flycasters to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of all generations now and into the future by fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardian-ship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like minded organizations.

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For Sale: Elk Bronze Sculpture
 "Deep in the Forest"
 inspired by C.M. Russel
 The sculpture is 53/500.



Starting bid: \$500



Rod Building Bench-

Starting bid: \$190

Includes: Motorized Rod turning
 bench with guides, rod blanks,
 guides, Fenwick reel seats, cork,

and much much more.

Think of this as a silent auction. Bids will be taken via e-mail at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com or phone 503-302-3920 (after 5:00 pm please). Check the current bids on our web site www.santiamflycasters.com. If you would like to check out either item please e-mail or call to set an appointment. All money made from the sale of these items goes to the Santiam Flycasters. Sale ends May 31, 2007

Volunteers needed: Free Fish Day at Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery (Saturday, June 9th).

"What volunteers can expect is several hundred kids fishing for fish nearly as big as the kids. Lots of fun. Volunteers may help with parking since there is very limited parking at the hatchery. Games to keep the kids entertained while they wait for their turn at the lake. If volunteers can tie a bunch of Griffith's gnats and renegades in the 14 to 16 size range that would be helpful. We have found that these float similar to pellets. Help will be needed to land fish in the fly-fishing zone and possibly the other areas also. If you have a priest (fish knocker) bring it along too, some kids want to take their fish home. There will be a BBQ for volunteers after the event with raffle prizes given away. Last year the ODFW allowed the volunteers to fish the pond at Wizard Falls Hatchery for an hour. Hope to see some there...Richard Newell"

Please contact Richard Newell at: 503-409-6440

Annual Santiam Flycasters Club Picnic

This year we are doing something new! We have arranged for a group campsite for July 13-15, 2007 at John Neal Memorial Park in Lyons, Oregon along the North Santiam River. We have a total of 12 campsites, so reserve your spot now. Cost is \$5 per site. Along with the Annual Club Picnic Saturday evening, we will be floating the North Santiam River on Saturday. The weekend will conclude with the roadside cleanup of our adopted section of Hwy 22. To reserve your spot please contact Dan Shimek at: santiamflycasters@yahoo.com or call 503-302-3920. Note that you may be asked to share your site, if there is room. Example one RV to share with a tent camper.

Up Coming Events

May

Board Meeting

When: May 7th, 2007 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant
 3135 Commercial SE

General Meeting

When: May 10th, 2007 @ 7:00pm

Where: Pringle Community Building

Presenter: John Shewey; "Angling Rambles"

Outing: May 18th, 19th & 20th; Metolius River
 (Smiling River Campground)

June

General Meeting

Presenter: (rescheduled) Ken Morrish; "Christmas Island, why it is still the worlds best bonefishing destination."

When: June 14th, 2007 @ 7:00pm

Where: Pringle Community Building

Outings: June 22nd, 23rd & 24th;
Northern California (with Chip O'Brien)
June 30th; Miller Lake

Please Note: Due to the more extensive nature of the **Northern California Outing** with Chip O'Brien (June 22nd, 23rd & 24th), there will be a discussion held after the Regular Club Meeting on May 10th, to go over the best equipment, flies, transportation, specific waters and best places to headquarter.

Intro To Fly Fishing Series

With Chip O'Brien

Our pre-meeting "Back to Basics" class this month will be Part II of an angler's Entomology, and this one will feature the real deal. We will examine aquatic insects, preserved specimens as well as freshly-captured live insects.

See all four of the major trout food groups first hand, and begin to understand the relationship between the naturals and the fly patterns we use to imitate them.

Don't miss this entertaining and informative class, and by all means, don't forget your glasses!

The pre-meeting class will start at 6:30PM (5/10/07) and end promptly at 7:00PM. Be there!

The club is looking for someone who has experience filing for 501(c)3 non-profit status. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this, please contact Dan Shimek at: santiamflycasters@yahoo.com or 503-302-3920.

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2007 Membership Application

The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308
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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____

Email _____

Family Members: _____

Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

**Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st.*

Liability Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged or publicized by the Santiam Flycasters, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the Santiam Flycasters, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such Santiam Flycasters activity.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waving any rights that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against the Santiam Flycasters for its negligence.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Santiam Flycasters.

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